

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
FAMILIES AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

Wednesday, April 18, 2007

10:30 a.m.

Room 326 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Families and Children's Services was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Clack, Dean, Accavitti, Hammon, Sheen, Stahl, Hoogendyk.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Wojno, Palmer.

Representative Sheen moved to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2007 meeting. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4481 before the committee.

HB 4481 Clack Children; foster care; foster care independence act that provides services for certain youth in foster care; create.

Representative Dean assumed the Chair.

Representative Brenda Clack, sponsor of HB 4481, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Representative Clack resumed the Chair.

Ron Hicks and Jim Hennessey of the Michigan Department of Human Services testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Jonnie Hill and Tricia Richardson of CIAO Project testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Pat Sorenson of Michigan's Children testified in support of the bill.

Representative Dean moved to excuse the absence of Representatives Wojno and Palmer. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

Representative Brenda Clack, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk

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